

\*\*\*\*\*November 23, 2020\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting electronically on Monday, November 23, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Councilmember Vicki Anderson  
Councilmember Andrew Gardner  
Councilmember Dan Landrum  
Councilmember Susannah Murdock  
Councilmember Charles Poss

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal  
Town Attorney Harry Cash  
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White

Councilmember Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

#### **Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor**

When the Council was polled, Councilmembers Anderson, Gardner, and Murdock said they did not wish to be considered for the Mayors position. Councilmember Murdock said that the Council had a choice between 2 great leaders. She said that Councilmember Landrum has served the Town well in the leadership position, but she said she wants to try something different.

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to elect Councilmember Poss for Mayor for the next 2 years. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the motion.

Councilmember Gardner made a motion to elect Councilmember Murdock to serve as Vice Mayor. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the motion.

#### **Citizen Comments**

Mayor Poss asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

There being no requests, the meeting resumed.

#### **Resolutions**

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO HIGGINS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, FOR THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$38,800.00), AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR A CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON MISSISSIPPI AVENUE FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND

AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$3,880.00) IN CONTINGENCY FUNDS.”

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

2. “A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION IV (A) (2) OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PERSONNEL POLICY, RELATING TO SPECIAL COMPENSATION PROCEDURES.”

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

**Discussion**

- a. Council Liaison Assignments.
- b. Mayor/Council Planning Commission Appointments.

After extensive discussion, the following Councilmembers were appointed/assigned to the Town Boards and Committees as follows:

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) – Mayor Poss  
Condemnation Board – Councilmember Anderson  
Design Review Committee (DRC) – Councilmember Landrum  
Historical Committee – Councilmember Anderson  
Library Board - Councilmember Anderson  
Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC) Board – Vice Mayor Murdock  
Municipal Planning Commission – Mayor Poss and Vice Mayor Murdock  
Parks Board – Councilmember Gardner  
Personnel Committee – Councilmember Landrum  
Recreation Board – Councilmember Gardner  
Stormwater Appeals Board – Vice Mayor Murdock  
Tree Board – Councilmember Landrum

Council discussed the current appointments to the Transportation Planning Organization. Boyd Veal, Town Manager, said the representative is the Mayor or the Mayor’s designee. Mr. Veal has served in this capacity in the past. Council questioned the possibility of a member of the Planning Commission serving. Mr. Veal will look into any further restrictions on that appointment.

- c. Council Orientation/Training. Mr. Veal informed the Council that the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) Elected Officials Academy training is on-line this year. However, he stated the first Academy is already filled. He said the Council are on a wait list for the December session, but have confirmed reservations for January and February.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Veal informed the Council that, even though Signal Point has opened and the parking is now available, the Town is still receiving complaints about people blocking driveways and incorrect parking. He said that staff have put up temporary signs on James Boulevard. Mr. Veal said that staff is planning on placing no parking signs, but will place the signs so as to be minimally intrusive to residents. He said the Police are issuing parking tickets.

Mayor Poss stated that the garbage at Rainbow Lake is becoming a problem. Mr. Veal said staff will monitor this situation.

Mr. Veal said the Planning Commission has worked with staff and the Southeast Development District to review and revise the preliminary and final plat regulations.

Mr. Veal said the Town is working toward a hydrology study of the Library and Amphitheater grounds.

Mr. Veal said he has recently attended the 9-1-1 Board, Economic Development Board, and WWTa Board meetings.

### **Other Business**

- a. Communications and Reports from the Mayor/Council. None
- b. Reports from Committees or Boards. None
- c. Other.

Vice Mayor Murdock encouraged all Councilmembers to take turns signing checks. She stated that she found it to be a very instructive view of the daily Town operations. Council agreed in principal, but will schedule as the current COVID situation allows.

Councilmember Landrum said that gravel needs to be added to the entrance to the recycle parking lot. Mr. Veal said staff will take a look at that and noted that staff recently installed drainage improvements at that location.

After general discussion, Mayor Poss asked for an update of the sidewalk grant projects at the next meeting.

### **Tentative Agenda**

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the December 14 2020 meeting.

Mayor Poss thanked Councilmember Landrum for his service as Mayor and service to the Town. He said that Councilmember Landrum was appointed Mayor during a very tumultuous time and that he had settled the turbulence. Council concurred.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Charles Poss, Mayor

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Recorder